

WESTERLY

Judge Chester W. Barrows, at the opening of the superior court Thursday, charged the jury in the two cases of *Battelle Bottles*, now at New London, against the Westerly Automatic Telephone company. Both actions were results of injuries caused by contact with a telephone wire lying on the ground, on the Post road, where it had fallen onto the electric light wire and charged with electricity. Judge Barrows reviewed the testimony and explained the law relative thereto. He told the jury there were two cases and that they must return two verdicts. One case was brought by Mr. Bottell, for himself, to recover for the loss of service of his wife and the expense incidental thereto, she having been injured by the charged wire. The court reminded the jury that the injuries Mrs. Bottell received were not to be considered, as she had her day in court, some time ago, but only the loss to Mr. Bottell, by reason of the injuries received. The other case was brought by Mr. Bottell in behalf of his daughter, who had been injured by contact with the live telephone wire. He impressed the jury, that in order to find for the defendants, they must be satisfied that there was negligence on the part of defendant and none on the part of the plaintiff. The jury was out for an hour and twenty minutes and returned with a verdict for the plaintiffs. Their verdict was \$2,000 for Mr. Bottell and \$1,500 for Miss Alice Bottell. The juries were then discharged and paid off by the clerk.

The next cases called for trial and which will end the present session of the court in Westerly, were the two cases of Joseph Dussault against Courtland B. Bliven, and another against the same. Dussault cases. May 29, last, Louis Dussault, son of the plaintiff, was playing with a kite, near his home on the Watch Hill road. It is alleged that the boy was nine years of age, was on the railway track, and stopped backwards into the highway, when he was struck by an automobile of the defendant and operated by an employee named Fraser. As a result one of the boy's legs was broken and he was treated for seven weeks in St. Joseph's hospital, Providence. The plaintiff seeks to recover damages for injuries sustained. The other case is brought by Mr. Dussault, to recover for mental pain and for the loss of his wife of his wife who spent the majority of seven weeks in Providence at much expense.

The jury impaneled for the trial of the cases is composed of Frederick C. Bufum, Jr., foreman; Robert Drysdale, Jr.

Edwin L. Sawyer, Joseph A. Daly of Westerly; Charles H. Sheldon, of South Kingstown; Herbert N. MacDonald, Fredrick W. Sherman, Thomas Stringfellow, Jr. of North Kingstown; Stephen B. Rathbun of Richmond; Walter R. Place, of Exeter; Nelson F. Mellen, of Narragansett and Henry A. Dawley of Hopkinton. A view was taken of the scene of the accident, and then the trial was begun. Attorney Davis for plaintiff and Attorney Condray for defendant.

After the testimony for plaintiff was in, Attorney Condray moved for a nonsuit, claiming that the declaration of plaintiff was not sustained and the excessive speed, careless operation and negligence had not been proven. Judge Barrows granted the motion.

Officers were elected for the year by Westerly Grange, No. 13, as follows: Roger F. Dunham, master; Cleveland H. Clark, overseer; Isabelle C. Chapman, secretary; O. Maurice Nye, steward; Howard Randall, assistant steward; Hattie L. C. Barbour, chaplain; William H. Burdick, treasurer; Grace E. Chapman, secretary; Israel H. Chapman, gate keeper; Edith C. Chapman, clerk; Mary E. Chapman, P. M.; Eliza A. Clark, Flora; Mary Clarke, lady assistant steward; William F. Saunders, member executive committee three years.

A protest has been filed with the public utilities commission, of Rhode Island by the Crum Quarry company, of Westerly, against the increase in the power rates of the Westerly Light and Power company. Frank Sullivan, representing the quarry company, was heard by the commission and the case taken under advisement. The protest of the claimant is based upon a contract which it has with the light and power company, claiming that the rate increase, insofar as it affects its own case, is in violation of the contract.

Engineer Gray of the Narragansett Electric Lighting company, of which the Westerly Light and Power company is a subsidiary, was present for the response. It was set up that the increase in rates is a result of the coal clause of the company's tariff and that the coal cost is responsible to a considerable extent for the increase.

The supreme court of Rhode Island has adjudged William G. Troy guilty of gross official misconduct and suspended him from the practice of law in the state for two years, and until further order of the court. Mr. Troy's offense was committed at a political rally. In his speech he is alleged to have referred to the justices of the supreme court as "five sleek, well-fed, lazy individuals."

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